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1. There has been no noticeable change in the political, military or economic situation in the Khanabad, Kundus or Tashkurgan areas either directly before or since the outbreak of the Korean war. The Afghani in this area know little of what is going on in the world. They neither fear nor expect any change with respect to the Soviet Union.
2. The Oxus River, which forms the Afghan-Soviet border in this area, is in flood at this time of year and can be crossed only by boat or by swimming with the aid of inflated goat skins. All Soviet-Afghan border traffic* is required to cross the river at Termez.**
3. The Oxus Valley from Termez to Hazrat Iman is flat, sandy, and easily covered by sentry observation. Sentries are stationed along the Afghan side of the valley.

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Comment. Inconsistently, the original report goes on to say in another paragraph that there has been no Soviet-Afghan border traffic in the period under consideration.

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Comment. It is not clear whether this is an Afghan or a Soviet requirement.

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